

# Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 23 February 2024  
**Program:** Suburban Rail Loop (SRL)  
**Title:** Monash Precinct Reference Group (PRG)  
**Meeting Number:** 10  
**Chair:** Noël Jones  
**Minute Taker:** Samantha Deasy, SRLA

Attendees	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noël Jones, GHD, Facilitator, Chair</li> <li>Lloyd Skinner, Electorate Office of The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos MP for Oakleigh</li> <li>Uyen Tran, Monash Council</li> <li>Matthew Veale, Monash Council</li> <li>Michael Benson, Monash University</li> <li>Anna McLean Phillips, Community Representative</li> <li>James Sun, Community Representative</li> <li>Lowan Sist, Monash Student Association</li> <li>Clint Quealy, SRLA</li> <li>Heather Campbell, SRLA</li> <li>David Donnelly, SRLA</li> <li>Terresa Parish, SRLA</li> <li>Samantha Deasy, SRLA</li> <li>Lisa Ryan, SRLA</li> <li>Laura Browning, SRLA (AJM)</li> <li>Elise Gidley, SRLA (AJM)</li> <li>Jenna Brady, Laing O'Rourke (LOR)</li> <li>Niamh Moynihan, DTP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos, MP for Oakleigh</li> <li>Colin Macrae, CSIRO</li> <li>Nick Davis, CSIRO</li> <li>Nandini Sengupta, Notting Hill Neighbourhood House</li> </ul>

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noël Jones (NJ) welcomed everyone to the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.</li> <li>Attendees introduced.</li> <li>NJ provided an overview of the agenda.</li> <li>NJ noted actions from the last meeting.</li> </ul>	NJ
2.	<b>Engagement Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRLA provided an update on engagement in Monash including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monash Childcare Cooperative visit.</li> <li>Community pop-up at Monash University 20 February.</li> <li>Clayton Festival this Sunday 25 February.</li> </ul> </li> <li>New contract with Tunnels South signed.</li> <li>Tunnels South team have integrated with SRL meetings.</li> <li>Will be introduced at the next meeting.</li> <li>There are now multiple contractors working in the precinct.</li> </ul>	SRLA

3.	<p><b>Plan Victoria update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRLA noted Plan Victoria is integral to SRLA and provides the blueprint for structure planning.</li> <li>The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) gave an overview of Plan Victoria including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DTP is engaging with Victorians to inform a plan for Victoria</li> <li>DTP is asking all Victorians to imagine the future of their cities, suburbs, towns in the coming decades.</li> <li>Community engagement started 22 February, with pop-up and drop-in events to be held across Melbourne and throughout regional and rural Victoria, together with online targeted engagement.</li> <li>Conversations with community will help shape the final plan, which will be released later in 2024.</li> </ul> </li> <li>After meeting with more than 200 industry and local government leaders in 2023 DTP are now embarking on extensive community engagement program.</li> <li>This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 pop-ups throughout Melbourne and regional Victoria; first pop-up held in Oakleigh.</li> <li>Meeting with local grassroots organisations.</li> <li>Community events and drop-in sessions.</li> <li>A youth ambassador program, co-designed with and delivered by young people.</li> <li>Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) ambassador program, seven different language groups.</li> <li>A focused program of engagement program with Traditional owners and the broader First Nations people on Self-determination and caring for Country</li> <li>Meetings with local councils will continue throughout the engagement period.</li> <li>Collecting data over 5 months, will use a sample of 50 Victorians for deliberative engagement where they will write a vision written by Victorians.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Online engagement</b></li> <li>Engage Victoria webpage went live 22 February, over 1000 have participated so far. The page will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An online survey.</li> <li>Information about community events and pop-ups</li> <li>Interactive map.</li> <li>Ideas board.</li> <li>Option to sign up to the mailing list.</li> <li>Option to book a time with a DTP planner, with a QR code.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Our four pillars to guide engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affordable housing choice.</li> <li>Equity and jobs.</li> <li>Thriving and liveable suburbs and towns.</li> <li>Sustainable environments and climate action.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> pillar: caring for Country and self-determination, will be worked through with Traditional Owners.</li> <li>Feedback from the PRG on precincts to be provided into this planning.</li> </ul>	SRLA, Department Transport and Planning (DTP)
4.	<p><b>Structure planning update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRLA referred to the slide presentation and gave a Structure Planning update including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 December - Draft Visions were released and are open for consultation until 3 March.</li> <li>SRLA referred to the Draft Vision slide presentation to discuss the key features of a draft structure plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant, Medium change areas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	SRLA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8 Opportunity Areas - would like feedback on these, for example boundaries, are they appropriate? is anything missing?</li> <li>○ 6 Preliminary Ideas.</li> <li>○ Next steps.</li> <li>○ There continues to be feedback and consultation along the way, this builds on previous consultations.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Works Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOR referred to the slide presentation and provided an update on works including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Demolition 20 – 24 Howleys Road underway.</li> <li>○ March 2024 - Gas relocations followed by telecommunication relocations on Normanby Road.</li> <li>○ Mid 2024 – construction of new power supply substation on Howleys Road.</li> <li>○ 2025 - further site establishment.</li> <li>○ Traffic changes for gas relocations works in March, a works notification will be distributed soon.</li> <li>○ Overnight intersection closures at Ferntree Gully Road and Howleys Road and westbound closures on Ferntree Gully Road.</li> <li>○ Footpath closures and some car parks closed, two bus stop closed.</li> <li>○ Lowan Sist (LS) asked if LOR has communicated with MU residential services. LOR noted it briefed MU on these works.</li> <li>○ Michael Benson (MB) noted Monash University (MU) would like a copy of collateral for utility relocation and the driveway widening works to distribute to MU community.</li> <li>○ Gas relocation notifications will be distributed W/C 4 March.</li> <li>○ <b>Action: LOR to forward works notice regarding bus disruptions to LS, once ready for distribution.</b></li> <li>○ LS noted for new students in the area, noticeboard images will increase awareness.</li> <li>○ LOR noted corflute signs will be installed one week before the closures to communicate the closure.</li> <li>○ Approximately 60 businesses are being doorknocked before each new scope of works in the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	LOR
6.	<p><b>Precinct workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRLA referred to copies of Draft Precinct Visions and facilitated workshop activities to discuss the opportunity areas and preliminary ideas.</li> <li>• <b>Action: Participants to pass any further feedback to the mural board.</b></li> </ul>	SRLA

#### Actions Tracker

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
<b>Actions</b>				
1.	LOR	LOR to forward works notice regarding bus disruptions to LS, once ready for distribution.	Complete	LOR
2.	ALL	Participants to pass any further feedback to the mural board	Open	ALL